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TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.—The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 1/3 11/16.

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POLICE STONED BY CALCUTTA MOB.

Gandhi's British Disciple Met by Procession.

BORDER UNREST BETTER.

Calcutta, Yesterday. Thirty women were arrested in Congress Square to-day in connection with a procession formed following the arrival from Madras of Gandhi's English disciple, Miss Slade, (who is known as "Mirabai").

The crowd stoned the Police, who ordered the processionists to disperse, and an Inspector and two European sergeants were injured.

The Police subsequently raided Asutosh Building, attached to Calcutta University, in connection with a demonstration, and 10 students and 10 others not connected with the University were injured.

Hostile Activity.

The Government of India's appreciation of the situation up to September 6 states that the Peshawar border is quiet, but hostile activities on the Kurram border have been causing considerable anxiety. Tribesmen on September 4 strongly attacked Kharlachi Village and the militia post, but they were repulsed. Seven villagers were killed and nine wounded, and one Sepoy was killed and three Militia wounded. The enemy casualties were heavy.

The situation is now quiet, but there were indications of a fresh hostile concentration in the Peiwar area. The necessary defensive dispositions have been made.

Reports from the provinces generally are reassuring. The civil disobedience movement in Madras has definitely failed and there are indications of waning enthusiasm in the United Provinces.

Some improvement is shown in Assam, and gradual improvement continues at Bihar and Orissa.

The report from the Punjab is particularly reassuring, and the movement is approaching stagnation, with the exception of two or three districts. The labour situation in Bombay City is steadily becoming worse. Over 45,000 mill hands are now out of work.

Foolish Demands.

Referring to the Sapru-Jayakar negotiations the report says that they failed owing to the unreasonable and impracticable nature of the demands, which were so far removed from practical politics as to suggest they were put forward deliberately for propaganda purposes.

The breakdown of the conversations may give a slight temporary impetus to the civil disobedience movement. On the contrary, the opportunity for the misrepresentation that the Government is anxious for settlement at any terms has been removed, and it is expected that moderate opinion will recognise that the responsibility for the breakdown was due to the extravagant and impractical attitude of Congress.

—Reuter.

Reason for Failure.

Rugby, Yesterday. Reference to the failure of the unofficial efforts by the moderate Hindus, Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru and Mr. Jayakar, to persuade Congress leaders to call off the civil disobedience movement, is made in the Government of India's weekly summary of the Indian situation. The failure is ascribed to the unreasonable and impracticable nature of the Congress leaders' demands.

The summary says: "Apar from prejudging certain issues of first-rate constitutional importance, these demands most closely affect the financial interests of local Governments, and represent an attempt to impose the views of one party without reference to the opinions of others, and to practical constitutional and financial considerations.

"In the third aspect they involve the recognition by the Government of the action on restraint of trade and the continuance of several main activities of the civil disobedience movement.

Deliberate.

The new demands, it is said, are as follows:

ARMY SERGEANT'S WATCH.

Temptation for a Laundryman.

A FIRST OFFENDER.

Not being anxious to send him to prison for a first offence, Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith this morning bound a laundryman over to be of good behaviour for a year, and to come up for sentence if required. The man was charged with the theft of a wrist watch and \$25, in money, the property of Sergeant Serwick, "A" Company of the Somerset L.I., Mount Austin Barracks. He admitted stealing the watch, but denied having taken the money.

Detective-Sergeant W. E. Meadows asked the Magistrate to amend the charge to one of larceny of the watch only, because there was the possibility that he did not take the money.

Giving the facts of the case, the Sergeant said that the complainant gave some clothing to the accused to take over to Shamshui po to be washed. After the clothing had gone, Sergeant Serwick discovered that the wrist watch and money were missing. As a result of enquiries made by himself, the accused was arrested. He took the Police to the laundry where, after unrolling a piece of his own clothing he produced the wrist watch. There was no evidence that he actually took the money.

The Magistrate (to accused): Why did you not return it? I am a newcomer, and I am not accustomed to the laws here.

You thought you were entitled to it? Yes, yes.

His Worship remarked that the man seemed to have given some assistance to the Police in recovering the watch. Detective-Sergeant Meadows pointed out that other people in the laundry were afraid of the Police making enquiries, so they made arrangements for the watch to be taken to the laundry from a house in Yau Ma Tei.

Mr. Whyte-Smith added that it must have been a great temptation for a young man like accused.

have been put forward deliberately for propaganda purposes. Intimation has been conveyed to those responsible for them that discussion of the basis of the demands is impossible.

"At the outset the attitude of the Government was made clear. Subject to the essential condition that the civil disobedience movement would be definitely abandoned, the Government were prepared, firstly, to withdraw those emergency measures necessitated by the movement; secondly, to move the local Governments sympathetically to review the sentence of imprisonment passed on persons convicted of non-violence offences directly connected with the civil disobedience movement; and thirdly, to secure a further fair and adequate representation at the Round Table Conference, so that they would have full facilities for pursuing a constitutional course.

Defying the Law.

The breakdown of the conversations may give a slight temporary impetus to the civil disobedience movement. On the other hand, the conversations have been unscrupulously used in many parts of India as evidence that the Government was anxious for settlement on any terms, and have been employed to encourage volunteers to defy the law on the assurance that prisoners would be very shortly released. This opportunity for organised misrepresentation is now removed. It may also be necessary to make application to the Court to give effect to the extraordinary resolution which I will now propose.

Our Application.

If your directors, by an extraordinary resolution of this kind, proceed to obtain a injunction to prevent obtaining a reduction of the capital, and if the shareholders confirm that the resolution has been called for, we shall proceed to take all necessary legal steps to make the necessary application to the Court to give effect to the extraordinary resolution which I will now propose.

After the resolution has been passed, if shareholders present desire any information, a small meeting, at representative of the company's solicitors, and shareholders present were Messrs. E. Shewan, O. F. Bileshi, Mr. H. H. Bristo, Mr. A. F. Gurnetred, and Mr. H. H. Bristo, Mr. A. F. Gurnetred, and

H. K. ENGINEERING COMPANY.

Capital Reduction Approved.

"OVERHEAD" CUT DOWN.

At an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong Engineering and Construction Company, Limited, held in the Board Room of Messrs. Shewan, Tones, at noon to-day, effect was given to a resolution to reduce the share capital.

The Managing Director, (the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga) presided, being supported by Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. J. Scott Harston and J. T. Bagram (Directors), Mr. A. R. F. Raven (General Works Manager) and Mr. B. Alves (Secretary).

Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman, in addressing the meeting, said:—

Gentlemen: Notice of this meeting has been given by circular to individual shareholders and also by advertisements for the prescribed period in the local Press.

Your authority is asked by extraordinary Resolution to give effect to a resolution that the capital of the Company be reduced from \$1,000,000 divided into 100,000 shares of \$10 each of which 95,500 have been issued and are now outstanding, to \$200,000 divided into 100,000 shares of \$2 each and that such reduction be effected by cancelling capital which has been lost or is unrepresented by available assets to the extent of \$8 per share upon each of the 95,500 shares which have been issued and are now outstanding and by reducing the nominal amount of all the shares in the Company's capital from \$10 to \$2 per share.

Promise Redeemed.

You might recollect that, at the annual meeting of shareholders on March 23, 1927, a shareholder suggested that a reduction of capital should be effected. My predecessor in the chair promised that the suggestion would receive the serious consideration of the Directors. That promise was fulfilled at the first meeting of the Board held thereafter on April 7 following, when your Board was of opinion that no useful purpose would be served by adopting the suggestion at that time, but the matter would be reconsidered if and when the financial position of the Company rendered desirable the adoption of the course suggested.

I am happy to be in a position to state that the time for capital reduction has now arrived, which explains the object of this meeting.

Financial Position.

It will be within your recollection, Gentlemen, that a private meeting of shareholders was convened and held on April 22 last, when I reviewed the financial position of the Company in great detail. As a result of that meeting, you will also recollect, it was resolved that reorganisation of the share capital of the company be undertaken on lines suggested in the Chairman's speech at the private meeting in question.

The proposal before you now is to give effect to the wish for capital reduction. The huge deficit on Profit and Loss Account arose primarily out of contracts entered into before December 1928, and there have been heavy overhead expenses carried in the past.

The Company's overhead expenses are now reduced to a minimum. I am glad to advise that more favourable trading conditions obtain at the present time and the future prospects of your Company are rather more hopeful.

Court Application.

If your directors, by an extraordinary resolution of this kind, proceed to obtain a injunction to prevent obtaining a reduction of the capital, and if the shareholders confirm that the resolution has been called for, we shall proceed to take all necessary legal steps to make the necessary application to the Court to give effect to the extraordinary resolution which I will now propose.

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SCARED OF PIRATES

RADIO FROM BRITISH STEAMER.

SOME SUSPECTS.

MASTER TAKES ALL PRECAUTIONS.

Captain H. G. Hay, master of the s.s. Hong Peng, owned by the Ho Hong S.S. Co., of Singapore, the local agents of which are the Ho Thong Co., of 24, Des Voeux Road West, wireless to the local agents last night that there were

suspects on board.

The exact wording of the radio

which was received by the Hong Kong agents at 1:50 this morning, was: "Have suspects on board. Taking every precaution. Hope to arrive Friday morning."

When the wireless was sent out the Hong Peng was on her usual

route to Singapore.

Rebels Retreat.

According to a wire from General Hsu Yuan-chuan, the Nationalists succeeded in taking complete control of Si-hwa, 30 miles west of Taikong, on September 6 after two nights' engagement with the rebels, many of whom were made prisoners, while the remnants retired in the direction of Fokou.

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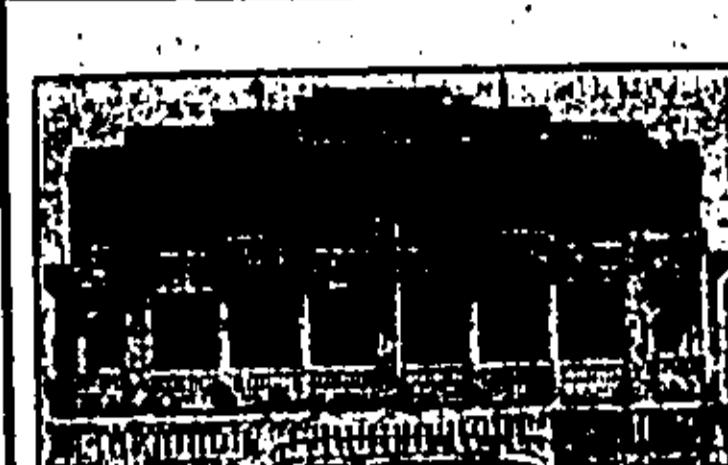
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 17th to 23rd September, 1930, both days inclusive.

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FACTS AND FIGURES FOR TWELVE MONTHS.

In the House of Commons, in mail week Major Glyn asked the President of the Board of Trade if he could state how many ships of 500 tons and upwards registered as British ships had been transferred to register during the twelve months June, 1929, to June, 1930, and by how many ships had the British register been reduced in the same period.

Mr. W. R. Smith—British vessels numbering 213 of 500 tons gross and upwards were reported to the Registrar-General of Shipping and Seamen during the twelve months ended June 30, 1930, as having had their registers closed on the sale of the

vessels to persons not qualified to own a British ship. No information is available as to how many of these vessels were subsequently registered under a foreign flag, or how many were broken up. During the period in question there was a net increase of 168 in the total number of vessels on the British register.

WARSHIPS IN PORT

The following British warships are in harbour to-day:—
Moth—In dock.
Seraph—In dock.
Serapis—In dock.
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FOREIGN LEAD IN SHIPBUILDING.

Record Tanker Tonnage Last Quarter.

From the statistics issued by Lloyd's Register of Shipping regarding vessels under construction at the end of June, it will be noted that in Great Britain and Ireland there is a decrease of 222,930 tons in the shipbuilding work in hand as compared with the figures for last March, and that the present total—1,392,063 tons—is 61,843 tons less than the tonnage which was being built at the end of June, 1929, says the Journal of Commerce. It may be of interest to state that about 58,000 tons of the tonnage now in hand in this country are intended for the British Dominions; about 292,000 tons for Norway; and about 232,000 tons are for other foreign shipowners or for sale.

The tonnage now under construction abroad—1,665,672 tons—is 14,736 tons greater than the work which was in hand at the end of March, 1930, and is the highest since 1921. Five countries aboard have more than 150,000 tons under construction, viz.:—United States, 238,163 tons; Germany, 237,468 tons; Holland, 187,445 tons; France, 186,960 tons, and Russia, 156,621 tons.

The total tonnage under construction in the world amounts to 3,057,735 tons, of which 45.5 per cent. is building in Great Britain and Ireland, and 54.5 per cent. abroad. The average percentages in the last twelve months before the War were 57.2 for Great Britain and Ireland and 42.8 for abroad.

196,000 Tons Less Commenced. In Great Britain and Ireland 230,466 tons were commenced—a decline of about 196,000 tons from the similar figures for the March quarter; and 468,023 tons were launched—an increase of about 123,000 tons. Similar figures for abroad are 350,425 tons commenced, and 418,853 tons launched.

A large increase as compared with the previous quarter is again shown in the tanker tonnage under construction, the present figures being 148 vessels of 1,110,056 tons, of which 84 vessels of 633,577 tons are being built in Great Britain and Ireland, and 16 vessels of 142,845 tons in Germany. It is significant that of the 148 tankers under construction, 131 are motor-ships. The tanker tonnage now building represents over 36.5 per cent. of the total steam and motor tonnage under construction in the world, and is the highest on record.

Motorship Increase.

As was the case at the end of March, the tonnage of motorships now under construction in Great Britain and Ireland exceeds that of steamers building, the present figures being 831,159 tons and 556,804 tons respectively. The motor-ship tonnage being constructed abroad (1,089,846 tons), is more than 94 per cent. greater than the tonnage of steamers. The continued progress in the employment of the internal-combustion engine for the larger vessels is indicated by the fact that while there are now being built in the world 91 motorships each of 8,000 tons and upwards, only 30 steamers of such size are under construction. These figures in-

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TUNGCHOW CHANNEL.

Notice is given that the following alterations have been made in the buoyage of the Tungchow Channel, Yangtze River:—

Plover Buoy has been moved to a position from which Plover Point Beacon bears S. 33° 34' degree W. distant 1.86 miles, its characteristics remaining unchanged.

Stone Buoy has been established.

Edge Buoy has been moved to a position from which Plover Point Beacon bears S. 16° 1/4 degree E. distant 3.12 miles, its characteristics remaining unchanged.

A new red conical buoy, without daymark, to be known as Steep Buoy, has been established in a position from which Langshan Pagoda bears N. 20° 34' degree E. distant 5.64 miles. This buoy marks the starboard side of the channel for vessels bound up river.

Pagoda Buoy has been moved to a position from which Langshan Pagoda bears N. 18° 34' degree E. distant 4.42 miles, its characteristics remaining unchanged.

All bearings given are magnetic. Chart affected: Marine Department Chart No. 3.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Monday, Sept. 8.
Kawachi Maru, Japanese str., 3,566 tons, Capt. T. Fujita, from Moji, buoy No. A2—N.Y.K.
Consuelo, American str., 2,819 tons, Capt. J. Parson, from Amoy, Cosmopolitan Dock—Williamson & Co.

Hakodate Maru, Japanese str., 3,226 tons, Capt. S. Herose, from Sakito, Kowloon Wharf—N.Y.K.

Royal Star, British str., 4,890 tons, Capt. Wm. Walsh, from Shanghai, buoy No. A3—Doddwell & Co.

Tai Lee, Chinese str., 1,044 tons, Capt. Z. Masaki, from Canton, buoy No. B36—Loong Tai Hong.

Tai Yuan, British str., 2,109 tons, Capt. R. Robertson, from Amoy, buoy No. B12—B. & S.

Wong Shek Kung, Chinese str., 1,044 tons, Capt. A. W. Best, from Saigon, buoy No. C49—Kung Chung & Co.

Tuesday, Sept. 9.
Carignano, Italian str., 3,230 tons, Capt. Carparro, from Shanghai, buoy No. A3—Doddwell & Co.

Chak Sang, British str., 1,470 tons, Capt. J. McAnish, from Canton, buoy No. B32—J. M. & Co.

Deli Maru, Japanese str., 1,292 tons, Capt. W. Sanada, from Canton, O.S.K. Wharf—O.S.K.

Eng Lee, Chinese str., 265 tons, Capt. H. Makai, from Dairen, buoy No. C19—Yee Tai Hong.

Ichang, British str., 1,228 tons, Capt. Mitchell, from Canton, buoy No. B21—B. & S.

Kalapoi, British str., 1,247 tons, Captain Baldwin, from Port Camphor, buoy No. B50—Williamson & Co.

King Yuan, British str., 1,546 tons, Capt. J. D. Whyte, from Swatow, buoy No. B20—B. & S.

Liangchow, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. John Taylor, from Saigon, buoy No. C41—B. & S.

Shantung, British str., 1,548 tons, Capt. P. J. Green, from Canton, buoy No. A5—B. & S.

Sourabaya Maru, Japanese str., 2,728 tons, Capt. A. Ikezoe, from Tawao, buoy No. A25—O.S.K.

Tikluk, Dutch str., 2,887 tons, Capt. M. J. Van Hock, from Scerabaya, buoy No. A8—J.C.J.L.

Utrecht, Dutch str., 709 tons, Capt. J. H. Kop, from Balikpapan, North Point—A.P.C.

clude 10 motorships and 11 steamers each of 15,000 tons and upwards.

The table respecting marine engines shows that the horse-power of steam engines now being built or being fitted on board amounts to about 980,000 horse-power, while the figures for oil engines aggregate about 1,480,000 horse-power. The figures for steam engines include 58 sets of turbine engines of about 554,260 shaft horse-power, giving an average of nearly 10,600 horse-power per set.

The pre-eminent position which Lloyd's Register retains among the classification societies of the world is demonstrated by the fact that the tonnage actually under the inspection of Lloyd's Register reaches 1,977,623, of which 1,176,030 tons are being built in Great Britain and Ireland.

U.S. MERCHANT FLEET CORPORATION.

Huge Reduction in 1930-1932 Estimates.

The savings contemplated through the sale of vessels and lines and the institution of the lump sum plan agreements on remaining Government lines have resulted in the preparation of estimates covering the operations of the United States Shipping Board Merchant Fleet Corporation for the fiscal year 1931-1932 in the amount of \$4,000,000, which is a reduction from \$10,000,000 in 1929-1930 and from \$6,000,000 for 1930-31.

The amount estimated for operating expenses for the next fiscal year was disclosed in a report from Mr. John R. Gordon, president of the Fleet Corporation, for the quarter, April to June inclusive, and made public by Mr. T. V. O'Connor, chairman of the Shipping Board. The report includes certain phases of the fiscal year operations.

Mr. Gordon reviewed the negotiations conducted by the Fleet Corporation with the view of placing all North Atlantic operators under the lump sum agreement by July 1, except those lines advertised for sale. Since the approval of the Independent Offices' Appropriation Bill, authorising the lump sum agreement effective July 1, the Fleet Corporation has intimated such contracts for the operation of the Yankee, Oriole and American Pioneer lines operated respectively by Messrs. Rogers and Webb, Consolidated Navigation Co. and the Roosevelt Steamship Co. In the case of the latter, service accounts will not be applicable to the lump sum basis until the vessels of the line reach American ports.

Material Reduction in Lessees. "Even under the present shipping conditions," said Mr. Gordon after disclosing that negotiations are now pending with other operators for placing them under the lump sum agreement, "it is apparent that under this new form of agreement material reduction in losses will be made." He added that the results obtained in the case of the South-Nelson Corporation (American Hampton Roads Line) lump sum contracts justify the estimated improvement.

In referring to ship sales the report gave official confirmation of the fact that the Shipping Board has approved the Fleet Corporation's recommendation "to negotiate a sale with the operators of the Gulf Orient Line under preference to operators' policy of the board." This line is operated for Government account by the Tampa Inter-Ocean Steamship Co.

In the past year 124 vessels aggregating 879,862 deadweight tons, were sold for \$5,095,258. Thirty-one vessels of 273,627 tons were sold during the last quarter for operation and scrapping for \$692,808. The Fleet Corporation's recent survey of the laid up Government fleet showed that 91 additional vessels are available for scrapping.



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MALWA	10,980	11th Oct.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*MIRZAPORE	6,715	15th Oct.	Straits, Bombay & London.
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*KALYAN	9,144	20th Dec.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
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*MIRZAPORE	6,715	18th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.	
*NAGPORE	5,283	23rd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.	
TILAWA	10,006	25th Sept.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.	
KHYBER	9,114	26th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.	
NELLORE	6,853	7th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yohama.	
MOREA	10,056	10th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.	
KARMALA	9,128	20th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.	
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Manila, Sept. 1. Thirty American warships were ordered to stations on the Yangtze river, and coast ports in China as result of the reign of terror at Changsha, Hunan province capital, which reached a climax when Communists attacked the U.S. gunboat, Palos, wounding five American sailors. Fifty Reds were killed and many others wounded when the gunboat returned the fire with machine guns and rifles. Some of "Jim" Cown's story was written on board the Palos, where he witnessed this action.

The location of the Asiatic ships of the U.S. Navy are:

August (AC 19). Arrived Tsingtao, May 5. Sails Shanghai for Manila, September 25. Arrive Manila, September 30.

Barker (213), at Chefoo, arrived July 19.

Beaver (CSD 16), at Tsingtao. Bittern (AM 36), at Chefoo, arrived August 11.

Black Hawk (Comdesron), at Chefoo, arrived May 25.

Borie (215), at Chefoo, arrived July 10.

Bulmer (222) (Comdesiv. 39), at Shanghai, arrived August 5.

Canopus (CSDA & CSD 17), at Tsingtao, arrived May 10.

Champlain, Sailed Chinwangtao for Shanghai, August 27.

Edsall (219), at Nanking, arrived August 5.

Finch (AM 9). Sailed Shanghai for Manila, August 27. Arrives Manila, September 1.

Gold Star, at Canacao Bay, arrived August 25.

Guam, at Chinglinki, arrived August 22.

Halt (8) (Comminet), at Tanguku, arrived August 26.

Isabel, at Tsingtao, arrived August 21.

Jason (Comairons). Arrived Tsingtao, May 5. Sails Shanghai for Manila, September 25. Arrives Manila, September 30. Arrives Manila, October 29.

McCormick (223), at Amoy, arrived August 28.

Mindanao (Sopatcom), at Canton, arrived August 26.

Monocacy (Res. Comm.), at Kiu-kiang, arrived August 7.

Oahu, at Chunkiang, arrived July 18.

Palos (Res. Comm.), at Changsha, arrived August 21.

Panay. Sailed Hankow for Shanghai, August 26.

Parrott (218), at Tsingtao, arrived August 22.

Paul Jones (230) (Sqn. Leader), at Chefoo, arrived August 10.

Pearry (226), at Tsingtao, arrived August 25.

Pecos. Sailed Chefoo for Manila, August 26. Arrives Manila, September 1, at 6 p.m.

Pigeon (AM 47), at Tsingtao, arrived August 3.

Pillsbury (227), at Tsingtao, arrived August 25.

Pittsburgh (C-in-C), at Tsingtao, arrived July 25.

Pope (225) (Comdesiv 43), at Chefoo, arrived July 25.

Ramapo. Arrived Manila, August 25. Sails for San Pedro, September 8.

Rizal (14), at Chefoo, arrived August 28.

S-31, at Tsingtao, arrived May 10.

S-32, 33, 34 and 35, at Tsingtao, arrived July 31.

S-37, 38 and 39, at Tsingtao, arrived August 3.

S-36 and 39, at Tsingtao, arrived August 3.

S-41, at Tsingtao, arrived June 27.

Simpson (821), at Kiu-kiang, arrived August 24.

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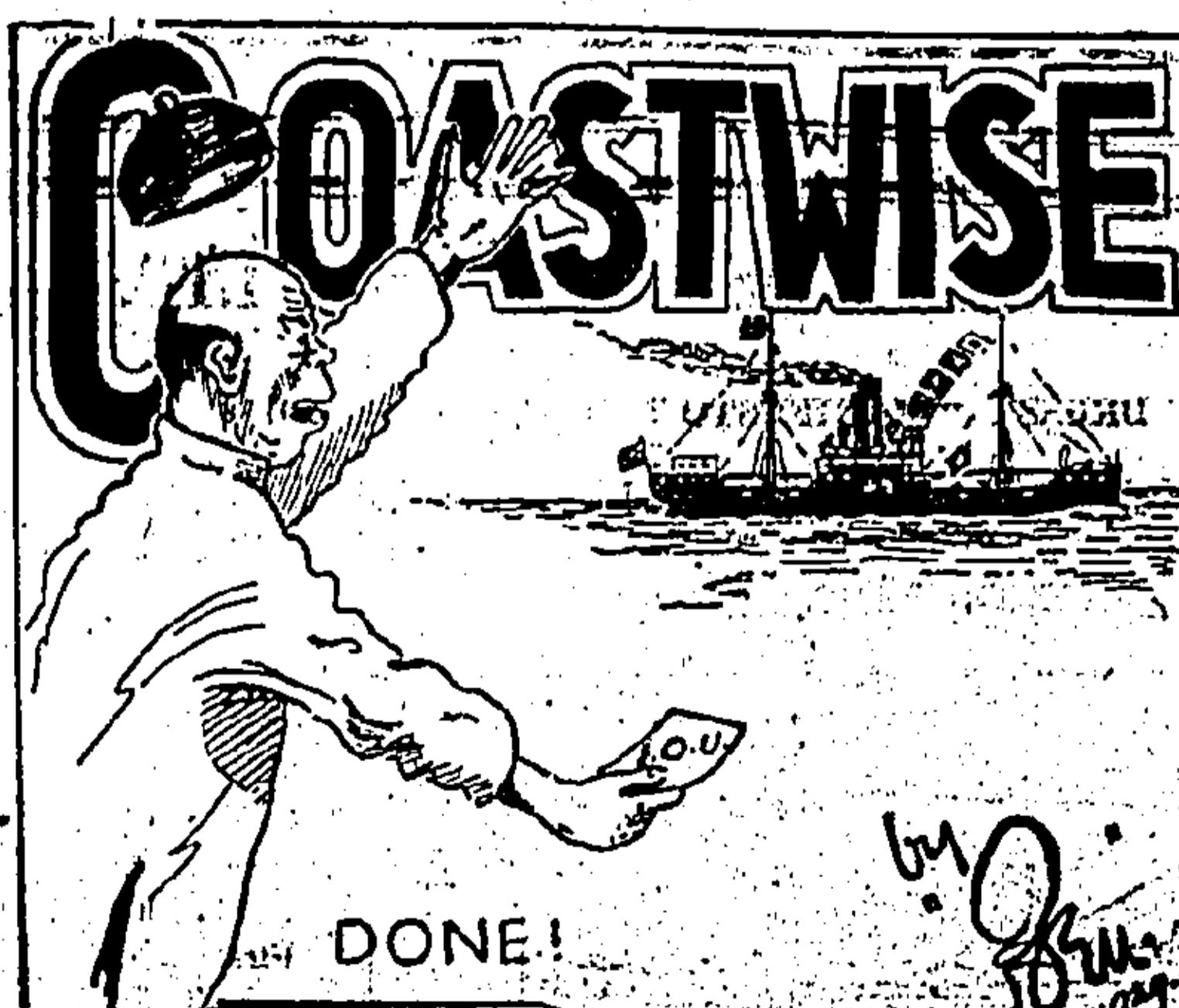
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LAWN BOWLS 'ASHES'

Shanghai has retrieved the lawn bowls "ashes" as the outcome of the first series of rubber games. Hong Kong has lost two out of the three games played in the Northern Settlement, but the brief accounts cabled here show that Hong Kong died fighting, the result being in doubt up to the very last head. It is undoubtedly hard lines to lose the rubber by only a quarter of an inch. Even so, it is an effort worthy of the Colony's bowling traditions. It is a defeat of a kind that need leave no sting. The rubber game was of that nature that reflects credit on the vanquished, no less than on the victors. The laurel wreaths have been denied to the Hong Kong players but not to the congratulations that are their due on giving Shanghai folk the fright of their lives.

It is a matter for equal congratulation that the first experiment with a series of rubber Interport games has been attended with success from the angle of much keener interest in the event. The aforesome spectacle of four players from each port meeting only once to decide the destiny of the Interport flag had nothing to commend it. It was, indeed, surprising that the lawn bowls authorities, both here and in Shanghai, permitted the system to exist so many years. But lawn bowlers, like many other sportsmen, are conservative. They are loathe to suggest changes. The idea of effecting some departure has been on the topic since 1926, when the Shanghai lawn bowlers

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The following forthcoming weddings are announced:—George Herbert Sheriff, Sanitary Inspector, now residing at the Metropole Hotel, to Doris Margaret Davey, en route to Hong Kong by the ss. Macedonia; and C. C. Hickley of No. 3 Branksome, Tower, May Road, to Hattie Korte, of the Victoria Hospital.

News in Brief.

Two Chinese junkmen were to-day charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, with having assaulted two other junkmen. They admitted having had a fight. The Magistrate bound all four over to keep the peace for a period of six months.

A vagrant 40ft. whale, old and barnacle-covered, caused a flurry of excitement for a whole day in Sydney harbour recently by darting between ferry-boats, cruising near wharves, and smashing the deck of a launch. An attempt to harpoon the whale was made, and a shot was fired at it, but without result, and finally the whale, after being "chased" by a flotilla of launches, dived and disappeared.

As the result of falling into the hold of her junk through a plank slipping, a boat woman named Po Ngau-mei sustained internal injuries which necessitated her removal to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

Pleading guilty to the theft of a blanket from 282 Shanghai Street, a Chinese was at Kowloon to-day sentenced to two months' hard labour. When arrested, a pawn ticket relating to the stolen article was found in his possession.

A collision occurred at the junction of Leighton Hill Road and Percival Street, East Point, yesterday, between an Hotel bus and a motor lorry. At the time of the impact the vehicles were going in opposite directions, and the lorry was about to turn into Percival Street. The wheels of the two vehicles became interlocked and it took some time to get them apart. Both were slightly damaged and were able to proceed under their own power. No one was injured.

A LOST MACE.

Before the interest in the recent "Rape of the Mace" passes away, may I tell you the tale of what happened to the "Bauble" of the Fijian House of Commons, writes a Times correspondent.

In the early months of 1871 a retired naval officer, Lieutenant George Austin Woods, arrived in Fiji to survey the Namuka Passage, which the mail steamers from Australia and New Zealand use on their way to Vancouver, San Francisco, and the western ports of the great American continent. He was a handsome man of great personality with all the dignity and manners of the quarter-deck. Thakombau was then the titular King of Fiji, but not recognized generally by the other high chiefs of the Group. His Majesty had the profoundest regard for the British Navy, and soon evinced much affection and esteem for Mr. Woods, and with the solemn ceremonies attendant upon such an event, formally adopted him as a member of his Royal Family and created him Tui Kamba (Lord of Kamba), his Majesty's own second title.

Mr. Woods, entering into Fijian politics with great zest, managed to get all the leading chiefs and principal white planters together who formulated a constitution, which, like King Arthur's sword "Excalibur," had also a name by which it was known and revered, to be the Mace of his faithful Commons. It was called the "Tutuvikula," which means the Mat Coverlet of the Queen of Mbau. Before blankets were known mats woven from soft rushes were used for the sake of warmth. Thakombau was the hereditary War Lord of Mbau, and the name of his club carried a double meaning. Its coverlet was the blood of the tribal enemies, and when any of them were slain it was bathed with it and thus kept warm. Before it was used as the Mace it was sent up to Sydney, where it was dabbed all over with little dove and olive branches in frosted silver, as a token of its conversion to peaceful usages, which seemed to some of us a deplorable emasculation and a suggestion of shoddy.

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On the hoisting of the Union Jack in October, 1874, this symbol of King Thakombau's former sovereignty was sent to Queen Victoria as a token of homage and fealty. Its arrival in London is thus duly recorded in the "Proceedings of the Royal Colonial Institute," vol. vi, 1874-75.

The second Annual Conversazione took place at the South Kensington Museum on Friday, June 18, 1875. Among the objects of interest which were exhibited may be mentioned the "W. Club of King Thakombau of Fiji," which was specially lent to the Institute by Her Majesty, Queen Victoria.

That is the last that has been heard of it. Some of us old Fijians have endeavoured to find out what has become of it, but so far our quest has been unsuccessful.

MOTOR CYCLE RACES

ISLE OF MAN GRAND PRIX HELD IN BAD WEATHER.

ONLY ONE ACCIDENT.

Rugby. Yesterday. The Junior Isle of Man Grand Prix Motor Cycle Race took place to-day in extremely bad weather conditions. Over the 226 miles' course, difficult at all times, there was heavy rain in the valleys and thick mist, giving only a few yards' visibility in the mountains.

Of the 44 competitors who rode with great dash and courage, many had minor accidents, but only one broke a limb. A young Londoner named Pirrie won on an English Velocette machine, overhauling the second man, Harding, also on the Velocette, in the last lap. His speed was 61.63 miles per hour, which, owing to the weather, is the lowest winning speed for several years.—British Wireless Service.

HURRICANE FURY.

AID FOR DISTRESSED BRITISH ISLAND.

IMMEDIATE RELIEF.

Rugby. Yesterday. According to further reports at the Colonial Office, the position at the British Island of Dominica, which was struck by the recent West Indian hurricane, is more serious than was at first thought. Six natives have died and serious damage done to public buildings, roads, and telephones. The expenditure of immediate relief for the purchase of food and repairs to buildings has been authorised and a local subscription list opened. Offers of assistance from the Governments of Jamaica and the Windward Islands have been accepted.—British Wireless Service.

RISE IN RUBBER.

IMPROVEMENT IN PRICES IN LONDON.

NO SELLING PRESSURE.

Rugby. Yesterday. There was a slight improvement in the price of rubber in London to-day. Spot rubber was dealt in up to four and 1/16 pence per pound, an improvement of 8/16 pence on yesterday's low record. Some of the leading shares were marked up in sympathy, and there was absence of selling pressure.—British Wireless Service.

NERVES SHATTERED

KINGSFORD-SMITH NOT TO FLY TO AUSTRALIA:

GETTING MARRIED.

London. Yesterday. The airman, Major Kingsford Smith, told the Daily Herald to-day that he would not attempt the proposed solo flight to Australia, as his doctor had forbidden him to fly. His nerves are shattered, following an operation immediately after his Atlantic flight. He is sailing next week to Australia to get married.—Reuter.

STRIKE ENDS.

Adelaide. Yesterday. The waterfront strike which broke out five days ago has virtually ended.—Reuter.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of September 10, 1920.]

To-day's dollar is worth 4/2d.

Before Magistrate Hutchinson at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon, the master of a Japanese schooner, Shemao Maru, and a member of his crew were charged at the instance of Chief Preventive Officer Wildin, with the possession on board the vessel of 18,069 taels of prepared non-Government opium.

Mr. F. C. Jenkins, instructed by Mr. E. J. Grist, appeared for the defence and entered a plea of "Not Guilty."

A fine of \$5,000 was imposed.

Ten Years Hence.

[From the "China Mail" of September 10, 1940.]

The British Department is instituting a campaign against owners of ferries and launches in regard to the emission of black smoke, which is polluting the atmosphere along the whole water front.

Owing to the decision of the Magistrates only to caution offenders for petty breaches of the gambling laws, the Police have ceased their activities regarding same on the public streets and elsewhere.

NEW GOVERNMENT.

IMPOSING CEREMONY IN PEKING.

TAKING THE OATH.

Peking, Yesterday. Marshal Yen Hsi-shan, Mr. Wang Ching-wei, and Mr. Hsieh Chi took the oath this morning as President and members of the State Council respectively. They are the only three elected members of the State Council at Peking. Mr. Wang Fah-chin, the eldest member of the Kuomintang Conference, administered the oath, the ceremony of which was a very simple one.

This morning's ceremony began with the National Anthem and bowing before the portrait of Sun Yat-sen and the reading of his will.

After Yen Hsi-shan and the others had taken the oath, Wang Fah-chin read an admonition saying that it was an important day in the history of China. It meant opposition to Chiang Kai-shek and his dictatorship and materialisation of democratic principles. The country must be freed from corruption and placed on a sound economic basis.

Yen Hsi-shan and the others, replying, declared that their general programme would be tranquillity for the people, abolition of corruption, clean politics, limitation of taxation, and the issue of Budgets and public statement of accounts.

After the ceremony, Yen Hsi-shan and his colleagues issued a circular telegram announcing their assumption of office, dated September 9, in the nineteenth year of the Republic.—Reuter.

FUNDS HELD UP.

NANKING AND EDUCATION MONEY.

TIENTSIEN ACTION.

Peking, Yesterday. As the Nanking Government has not remitted to Peking the money necessary for education purposes, earmarked for this purpose from the Russian Boxer Indemnity, amounting to \$350,000 monthly, it is understood that Mr. Lenox Simpson, under instructions from Marshal Yen Hsi-shan, wired to Nanking last week stating that unless an arrangement be reached by to-day, the sum would be deducted from that part of the Tientsin Customs revenue which at present is being remitted to Shanghai for the service of foreign loans, in accordance with the announcement made when the Northerners seized the Tientsin Customs.

It is understood that Tientsin has been remitting \$1,100,000 monthly to Shanghai, hence about a third will be retained for the Peking colleges.—Reuter.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Chinese telegrams from Shanghai report that Mr. F. Maze, the Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs, has arrived secretly at Tientsin. His mission is not known and his visit has caused considerable speculation.—Reuter.

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CHINESE GIRLS AND EDUCATION.

New Building for Ying Wa Girls' School.

OPENING CEREMONY.

The new building for the Ying Wa Girls' School at Bonham Road was officially opened yesterday afternoon by Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E., M.A. (Vice-Chancellor of the University) in the presence of a large gathering of friends and students of the school.

On arrival, Mr. Hornell was given a key with which he proceeded to unlock the door of the school.

Guests and students then assembled in the school hall, where a number of speeches were made.

Mrs. Davies, a former Principal of the school, who had given almost 42 years' service to the institution, presented a key to Mr. Hornell as a memento of the occasion.

Constructed at an expense of \$120,000, the school is one of the most modern buildings of its kind, and those who had the opportunity of visiting it were much impressed.

Addressing the gathering, Miss Hutchinson, Principal of the School, said that the Ying Wa Girls' School first came into existence about 81 years ago. It was in the year 1849 that, in connection with the famous Anglo-Chinese College, founded by Dr. Morrison in Macao, and afterward removed by Dr. Legge to Hong Kong, a school for Chinese girls was started by Mrs. Legge.

The entire building scheme including the preparation of the site and playground, and furnishing had been carried through at a cost of \$120,000.

Centuries of Tradition.

Mr. Hornell also addressed the gathering and said in part:—The Chinese in Hong Kong have now decided, with their characteristic realism, that the education of their daughters is not only a domestic benefit but also a social, political and even a national necessity.

Turning to the students, Mr. Hornell said:

But you are Chinese girls with centuries of tradition behind you and with wills and temperaments of your own. What do you want to make of yourselves? That is the question—the question that you must answer yourselves, for no one can answer it for you. Let me give you two words of counsel.

You will meet among your compatriots both men and women who will tell you that they have now realised the futility of Western civilisation and that the Chinese should preserve their own civilisation intact. "Don't," said Dr. Hu Shih in a recent speech at the National University of Peking, "be deceived by any such mistaken notions." "I hold," he continued, "that we should assimilate as much Western education as possible. We need real higher education which we have never had. We should neglect no possible source of real knowledge; in that idea lies the hope of China."

I agree with Dr. Hu Shih, but that is only one side of the picture. The other side is summed up in the saying that "national character is the abiding product of a nation's past." A modern Chinese philosopher recently wrote:—

"During the last two decades

China has tried to transplant one after another the political institutions of Europe, on to her own soil. Constitutional monarchy has been tried, Republicanism, Confederacy, Socialism; all have been tried, as though China's desire to try every form of existence, in reality nothing but the name has been introduced and confusion made more confounded. For when an institution whose roots are not among the people is introduced from the top, it is like plucking the flowers of a neighbour to embellish the dying branches of one's own tree; there can be no life.... The reconstruction of Chinese thought is not to be accomplished by the wholesale transplantation of the thoughts of another society; it must follow the natural development and must begin with the proper retention of elements of the old social heritage."

Let your ambition be to develop into cultured Chinese women, blending with what is best in your own tradition that which has appealed to you in your school education.

To pose as British or American women is merely to make yourselves ridiculous and not only ridiculous but unworthy of the great country of your ancestors.

The proceedings ended with votes of thanks and the school散了, after which those present made a tour of the building.

"A LITTLE BRIDE."

ALLEGED TRAFFICKING IN GIRLS.

SIX PERSONS CHARGED.

A case of trafficking in young girls was heard by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith yesterday afternoon. The accused were two Chinese men and two women. They were charged jointly with harbouring two girls aged 14 and 16, without the consent of their mistresses; and with taking part in a transaction for the sale of the younger girl to one of the male accused. In addition, four of the accused were charged with receiving the older girl.

The case for the prosecution, as outlined by Inspector J. Murphy, of the S.C.A., was that the girls were brought here from Kau Kong village by the first two accused and taken to the house of No. 4, in Canton Road where the younger girl was sold to third accused as a "little bride" for \$140.

Smart Detective Work.

The arrest of the accused was brought about when Detective Sergeant Humphreys went on board the s.s. *Antung* on the morning of August 11 to search passengers. He saw the younger girl in the company of the first and third accused and questioned them. Not being satisfied with their answers, he took all three ashore.

Later, certain information was given by the third accused as the result of which Inspector Murphy went to 1032, Canton Road, where the other accused were found with the older girl.

The charge against the sixth accused was withdrawn and he was used as a witness for the prosecution. He stated that on August 7 he was walking in Canton Road when he met No. 4, who told him that he had a girl for sale. The following day he told No. 3 about it because he knew that No. 3 was looking for a bride for his elder brother. They went to No. 4's house where the transaction took place.

The case was adjourned.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

CONFLICTING EVIDENCE AT INQUEST.

DES VOEUX ROAD AFFAIR

Conflicting evidence was given before Mr. R. E. Lindsell and a Coroner's jury yesterday afternoon in an inquest on the victim of an accident in Des Voeux Road, near the beacon, on September 1.

According to an Indian constable, the road was clear at the time of the accident. The car involved was proceeding at about 20 miles per hour when, just after passing the beacon, a boy suddenly appeared on the road from under the verandah at Jardine's corner. The car apparently could not pull up and the boy was knocked down and run over.

The chauffeur said that he was travelling at only 14 or 15 miles per hour. The boy was only about a foot away when he saw him. He applied both the hand and foot brakes but it was impossible to pull the car up in time to avoid an accident. He eventually pulled the car up only a couple of feet more than its length.

A woman relative of the boy claimed that the lad was actually holding on to the coat of another woman when he was knocked down. This evidence was in direct conflict with that of the Indian constable and the chauffeur who were emphatic that the boy was alone when he was knocked down.

The inquiry was adjourned.

IRONCLAD OF AIR.

LAUNCH OF HUSH HUSH FLYING BOAT.

Cowes, July 25. An immense all-metal flying boat, the first of its type secretly built for the Air Ministry, was launched and successfully flown at Cowes today.

This wonder machine, which has taken two years to build, carries torpedoes, bombs, and machine-guns, but is easily convertible into an efficient weight-carrying commercial craft.

A large cabin, which can accommodate twenty people, is equipped with electric cooling and heating apparatus and a radio receiver.

The machine, which cost \$100,000, has a maximum speed of 140 miles per hour above the hull, and a maximum speed of considerably more than 100 miles an hour, and can make a flight of nearly 2,000 miles.

The proceedings ended with votes of thanks and the school散了, after which those present made a tour of the building.

ROUND THE CINEMAS

MOVIE STARS GOING PLACES.

CAUGHT BY CAMERA.

Many of Hollywood's most famous stars participated without knowing it in the making of "Let's Go Places," the Fox Movietone musical extravaganza, which is at the Queen's Theatre.

The picture's action is largely laid in the screen capital itself, and as a Hollywood premire is part of the story, Director Frank Strayer decided to take advantage of a real premiere at the noted Grauman's Chinese Theatre, which occurred during the filming of the production.

Accordingly a battery of Fox Movietone cameras were added to the usual newsreel instruments that are always present at such affairs, and as Filmland's celebrities arrived they were extensively "shot" together with the leading players in the story, and these scenes were incorporated into the finished picture. Until the premiere of "Let's Go Places" in Hollywood, many of these stars were unaware that they had played impromptu roles.

Joseph Wagstaff and Loli Lane are featured with Frank Richardson, Dixie Lee, Sharon Lynn, Walter Catlett, Charles Judels and Ilka Chase in this merry and melodious production. William K. Wells wrote the story and dialogue, and the catchy musical numbers are the best efforts of four different groups of song-writers, Conrad, Mitchell and Goller, Hanley and Brockman, Little and Burke, and McCarthy and Monaco.

"CAUGHT SHORT."

If you won, or if you lost on the last "bull market" in Wall Street, you will find laughs in a very time comedy which will be shown at the Queen's Theatre on Friday. It is a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture, "Caught Short," and it stars Marie Dressler and Polly Moran under the direction of Chuck Reisner, the director of the "Hollywood Revue of 1929."

"Caught Short" is, to express it very simply, the short and very amusing adventures of a pair of boarding house landladies in the finger-burning business of buying and selling stocks on margin. What the adept Marie and the uporous Polly can do with such a situation can be imagined by the friends of this famous pair of comedians.

"THE DOCTOR'S SECRET."

Sir James M. Barrie's famous play "Half an Hour" has been transplanted to the screen under the title, "The Doctor's Secret," and will be presented at the Central Theatre to-day.

A notable cast was assembled for the production, which has elicited the highest of praise from film critics, who viewed the picture in advance. Ruth Chatterton, H. B. Warner, Robert Edeson and John Loder are the principal characters in the picture with Wilfred Noy, Ethel Wales, Nancy Price and Frank Finch-Smylie giving them admirable support.

William C. de Mille, long one of the outstanding directors in the motion picture industry, not only adapted to the screen the Barrie success, but directed the production as well.

Paramount recently started the motion picture world with its release of the all-talking "Interference," which was heralded as being the most perfectly made talking picture yet produced. The same elements that created the sensation in the case of "Interference" were used in producing "The Doctor's Secret," which assures film fans of witnessing a perfect technical and dramatic performance.

"The Doctor's Secret" is a tense drama of London society. In sharp dramatic contrasts, it shows to the audience the heights of happiness and depths of despair that can come to one woman's life in half an hour. It shows how a wealthy woman's unhappy life driven her to a decision; gives her a few minutes of blissful happiness, banishes it with stark tragedy and then, her fate, hides her pain and carries on.

"WAR PAINT."

Two comedies, "Charley Chase in 'Imagine My Embarrassment'" and "Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy in 'Sugar Daddies,'" are included on the programme, which is being presented at the Star Theatre today only at 5.30 and 9.20 p.m.

The main attraction is "War Paint," in which Colonel Tim McCoy and Pauline Starke take the lead, supported by Charles French and Karl Dane.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

To-day—Queen's Theatre. "Let's Go Places."

To-day—Central Theatre. "The Doctor's Secret."

To-day—World Theatre. "A Vermilion Egg."

To-day—Star Theatre. "War Paint."

To-day—Majestic Theatre. "Golf Widows."

Home Malls. To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Suez (Malwa).

Sports. See Special Sports Diary on page 8.

Meeting. September 23—Extraordinary general meeting of the Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., Exchange Bldg. (1st floor), Des Voeux Road Central, 11 a.m. Lammer's Auction.

September 12—At Sales Room, Duddell Street, household furniture, etc., 2.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

September 12—Distribution of Prizes at Garrison Children's School, Kowloon, 10 a.m.

September 15—Opening of South China Motor ship works by Hon. Mr. Kotewall, 3.30 p.m.

September 29—Hong Kong Stock Exchange Settlement Day.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station, Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres:—

6 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7 p.m.—European Programme of Victor Records.

9 p.m.—Fisher's Selection (Bizet), Creator's Band (30001).

I married the Bootlegger's Daughter, Frank Crumit, Comedian (1939).

How's your folks and my folks, The Happiness Boys (1939).

Letter of Love (Elman).

At Evening (Primal).

Mischa Elman, Violin Soloist (1960).

High School Cadets—March, Under the Double Eagle, March.

Sousa's Band (19871).

Le Cygne (Saint-Saens).

Moment Musical (Schubert).

Pablo Casals, Violoncello Solo (1943).

Simonetta, The Little Damozel, Lucrezia Bori, Soprano (1962).

Traumerei (Schumann), Evening Song (Schumann), Victor String Orchestra (1984).

Homing, Do not go my Love, Marguerite D'Alvarez, Contralto (1916).

Rose in the Bud (Forster), One little Dream of Love (Gordon).

Renee Chemet, Violin (1912).

Hungarian Dance No. 1 (Brahms), Spanish Dance (Bizet), Leopold Stokowski and Philadelphia Orchestra (1913).

Warblings at Eve (Richards), Dance of the Toy Regiment, Victor Salon Orchestra (19849).

For You Alone, Enrico Caruso, Tenor (507A).

Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life, Gypsy Love Song, Jessie Crawford, Organist (22333).

8.30 p.m.—From the Studio, Music and the All-Ew, the eighth of a series of talk by Mr. C. Dudley Bartlett—Shapes and Sizes.

9 p.m.—Weather Report, Local Time and Press News.

From the Studio, Illustrative Piano-Forte Recital: Mr. C. Dudley Bartlett.

a. Themes & Variations (Curtain-ed), Schubert.

b. Country, Gardens, Percy Grainger.

c. Pasacaglia, Cyril Scott.

Tannhauser—Pilgrim's Chorus (Wagner).

Victor Male Chorus.

Trovatore—Anvil Chorus (Verdi), Rustic Spring (Sinding).

Victor Mixed Chorus (20127).

Norellus (Nevil).

Hans Barth, Piano Solo (20121).

I love you truly.

Love sends a little gift of roses, Victor Novelty Orchestra (22324).

Nocturne in E Flat Major (Chopin).

Minuet (Paderewski).

Sergei Rachmaninoff, Piano (6781).

Waltz Dream (Strauss).

Carl Waltz (Kalmán).

International Novelty, Orch. (20008).

It happened in Monterey, (L.I.), Aug. 9.

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STANDARD TIMES

**SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN
COLONY.**

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for September (Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich) are as follows:—

September	6.08 a.m.	6.32 p.m.
10	6.08	6.32
11	6.08	6.31
12	6.08	6.30
13	6.09	6.29
14	6.10	6.28
15	6.10	6.27
16	6.10	6.26
17	6.11	6.26
18	6.12	6.25
19	6.11	6.24
20	6.11	6.23
21	6.11	6.22
22	6.12	6.21
23	6.12	6.19
24	6.12	6.18
25	6.12	6.17
26	6.13	6.16
27	6.13	6.15
28	6.13	6.15
29	6.14	6.14
30	6.14	6.13

Sport Columns

LAWN BOWLS.

**SHANGHAI RECOVER THE
"ASHES."**

FIRST RUBBER WON.

Shanghai, Yesterday. Shanghai lawn bowlers won the Inter-port series by 2 matches to 1, when they beat Hong Kong by 18 shots to 16 this afternoon, after a most exciting game. The teams were:—

Shanghai.

G. V. Jensen.

H. E. Peck.

W. A. Bailey.

C. B. Stornes (Skip).

Hong Kong.

C. Atkinson.

G. McLeod.

F. C. Goodman.

R. F. Luz (Skip).

Shanghai led almost all through the game. At the 15th head the scores were equal (18 all) but at the nineteenth head Shanghai led by 17–13. At the twentieth head Hong Kong scored three, leaving them one shot behind.

At the last end a measurement, amidst great excitement, showed Shanghai to be lying nearer the jack by a quarter of an inch.

Stornes and Jensen were the stars of the Shanghai side, whilst Luz played well for Hong Kong.—Reuter.

INTERPORT SERIES.

How the Two Ports Now Stand.

	Hong Kong	Shanghai
24–9–18	Shanghai	30 11
4–10–19	Hong Kong	13 27
20–9–20	Shanghai	20 18
16–9–21	Hong Kong	22 28
9–9–22	Shanghai	24 8
15–9–23	Hong Kong	23 27
3–9–24	Shanghai	20 14
7–10–25	Hong Kong	8 28
18–9–26	Shanghai	19 17
15–10–27	Hong Kong	31 17
6–9–28	Shanghai	19 20
5–10–29	Hong Kong	17 19
7–9–30	Shanghai	15 20
9–9–30	Shanghai	18 16
Hong Kong won		7
Shanghai won		8
Shanghai shots		302
Hong Kong shots		287
Rubber Series:		
Shanghai won		1
Hong Kong won		0

HOME RACING.

LATEST PRICES FOR THE
ST. LEGER.

PARENTHESIS FAVOURITE.

London, Yesterday. The call over for the St. Leger at the Beaufort Club is as follows:—

Parenthesis—9 to 2 o.t. 5 to 1 t.

Singapore—5 to 1 o.t. 11 to 2 t.

Djolite—11 to 2 o.t.

Ramesses II—13 to 2 t. & o.t.

Utmajeur—10 to 1 o.t. 100 to 9 t.

Roston Pasha—7 to 7 o.t.

Algonquin—100 to 7 o.t.

Seer—100 to 8 t. and o.t.

Prince Paradise—25 to 1 t. and o.t.

Ind—25 to 1 t. and o.t.

Christopher Robin—25 to 1 o.t.

Fairy Prince—140 to 1 o.t.

Redwood—60 to 1 o.t.

Probables Amended.

It transpires that Mr. Nichols, skipper of the "Weetamoe," one of the unsuccessful candidates in the trial races, has raised the question of the legality of this boom with the New York Yacht Club Committee.

Mr. Harold Vanderbilt, the "Enterprise's" skipper, and his associates had decided not to employ the sliding boom in the America Cup races, but the result of Mr. Nichols' action is that the N.Y.Y.C. committee has informed Mr. Vanderbilt that since the "Enterprise" used the boom during the trials with the full knowledge of the committee, its use in the international races will have the full approval of the committee.

Sir Thomas Lipton has not raised the question of the use of this boom.—Reuter's American Service.

RACES FOR THE
AQUATICS.

PRELIMINARY HEATS OF POLICE
SPORTS.

In the V.R.C. bath yesterday afternoon the heats in five events of the Police aquatic sports which is to be held on Saturday afternoon were decided. The results were as under:—

100 Yards Championship (Indians and Chinese), First Heat—1, P.C.C. 478; 2, P.C.C. 511; 3, P.C.C. 481. Second Heat—1, P.C.C. 210; 2, P.C.C. 311; 3, P.C.C. 173. 60 Yards Handicap (Indians and Chinese)—First Heat: 1, C210; 2, B478; 3, G173. Second Heat: 1, C451; 2, B375. 100 Yards Handicap (Europeans)—First Heat: 1, Colman; 2, Simpson; 3, Charles. Second Heat: 1, Tude; 2, Frank; 3, McEwan. 50 Yards Breast Stroke (Europeans)—First Heat: 1, Colman; 2, You; 3, Gillese (dead heat). Boys' Race—First Heat: 1, L. Hunt; 2, L. Reynolds. Second Heat: 1, N. Booker; 2, C. Evans. Third Heat: 1, N. Reynolds; 2, A. Moss. Bob Marks and Gordon Marks will also take part in the final on Saturday.

Racing—September 18—Entries Close for Extra Race Meeting, noon.

September 27—Seventh Extra Race Meeting.

October 10 and 11—Eighth Extra Race Meeting.

Polo—September 20—Gymkhana, Polo Ground.

Rowing—September 22—Troessa Trophy, 4 p.m.

HOME.

Racing—To-day—St. Leger, Doncaster.

Friday—Doncaster Cup.

October 15—The Cesarewitch, Newmarket.

October 29—Cambridgeshire Stakes, Newmarket.

Long Plunge—Championship of the Colony.

Heats—if necessary, will be swum off on Monday, October 6.

Entrance fee for Championships events—\$1 for each event.

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INWARD MAILS

From **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.**
Shanghai and Swatow Sinkiang
Amoy Taima
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.
Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers, London, Aug. 14 and Parcels, Aug. 7) Malwa
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, Aug. 23) Mantua
Australia and Manila Tai Ping
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, August 23) President Jackson
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.
Saigon Andre Lebon
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.
Japan and Shanghai Sphinx
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.
Japan Asama Maru
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.
Japan and Shanghai Kashima Maru
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.
Straits Fushimi Maru
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, August 22) President Harrison
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Aug. 29) President Taft

OUTWARD MAILS

For **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.**
Ning Hsi 3.30 p.m.
Kong So 4 p.m.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.
Cremer 10 a.m.
Deli Maru 10.30 a.m.
Tai Yuan 1.30 p.m.
G.C. Maurice Long 2 p.m.
Hydrianea 3 p.m.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (Holhoh, Pakhoi and Haiphong) Malwa
Japan and Victoria, B.C. (Due Victoria, B.C., Oct. 7) Limchow
Teucer 10.30 a.m.
Talma 1 p.m.
Parcels Sept. 12, 12.30 p.m.
Letters 1.30 p.m.
Halching 1 p.m.
Due Marseilles, Oct. 10) Mantua
G.P.O.
K.P.O.
Parcels Sept. 12, 4.30 p.m.
Registration Sept. 13, 9 a.m.
Letters 10 a.m.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.
Australia (except Places North of Townsville) and New Zealand via Singapore and Brisbane Nieuw Holland at Singapore (Due Brisbane, Oct. 4)
Registration Sept. 13, 9.15 a.m.
Letters 10 a.m.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Canton Maru 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow Ka Ying 9 a.m.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C. President Pierce (Due Victoria, B.C., Oct. 3)
Parcels Sept. 15, 3 p.m.
Registration 4.15 p.m.
Letters 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia Menelaus (Due Marseilles, Oct. 16) G.P.O.
K.P.O.
Registration Sept. 16, 1 p.m.
Letters 1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Registration Sept. 16, 1.45 p.m.
Letters 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles Sphinx (Due Marseilles, Oct. 18) G.P.O.
Registration Sept. 16, 1.15 p.m.
Letters 2 p.m.

*Superscribed correspondence only.

A WOMAN FIRST.

CAROL'S CONSORT REFUSES TO SUBMIT.

LUPESCU TRIUMPHANT.

Bucharest, August 23. The conjugal prospects of King Carol of Roumania are changing kaleidoscopically every day bringing forth a fresh crop of rumours. While it was reported early this week that the King had decided not to annul the divorce decree which separated him from Helena and at an early date marry a beautiful French Duchess, it is now persistently rumoured that the King is contemplating a morganatic marriage with his former mistress, Madame Lupescu, who is still at Bucharest.

Mme. Lupescu has of late assumed a triumphant mien, which has apparently strengthened the resolution of Helena not to return to Carol and induced her to put a distance between herself and her ex-husband by leaving for the fashionable resort of Constanza on the Black Sea.

It is now certain that Helena has withstood with success the threats and promises of her former spouse, and that negotiations have broken down completely. Even the peace mission of Dowager Queen Marie has failed. Although reported to be extremely weak and near hysteria, Helena insists on having revenge for the suffering caused her by Carol, even at the price of sacrificing the security of Roumania, which country is once more on the verge of turmoil.

Meanwhile the Coronation has been definitely postponed until the Spring as Carol apparently fears the scandal of the absence of the Queen at the ceremonies, and an extraordinary meeting of Parliament has been summoned for the beginning of October, when, it is anticipated, an important announcement with respect to the Royal Family will be made.—Trans-Ocean Asiatic.

SECRET FUND.

GERMAN MINISTER'S DRASIC STEP.

The astounding statement was made recently in Berlin that, to conceal from the public the existence of a secret fund of the War Ministry, the former Minister of Finance, Herr Kohler, deliberately burnt Treasury bills to the value of £2,000,000.

This is asserted by a Munich paper, said to have good sources of information, and receives some corroboration from the Berliner Tageblatt.

It is said that this fund was probably accumulated by the problematical Captain Lohmann, whose mysterious and multifarious activities on behalf of the naval department of the War Office are alleged to have included the illegal maintenance of a school of naval aviators and the building of a flotilla of camouflaged torpedo-boats, as well as the financing of Nationalistic film companies and the running of bacon factories.

On his assumption of office at the Finance Ministry Herr Kohler, it is alleged, discovered the existence of the fund and after a time he succeeded in securing control over it. What was he to do with the money? To have put it into his Budget would have involved highly embarrassing discussions as to the sources and the purpose for which it was intended.

In the end, it is asserted, the Finance Minister decided that the best method of preventing a great public, and possibly international, scandal, would be to annihilate the hoard, and accordingly the Treasury bonds in which it had been invested were consigned to the flames under his personal supervision.

The Tageblatt, which prints this story in a telegram from its Munich correspondent, has heard from another quarter of statements to the same effect being made by Herr Kohler and calls upon the Finance Ministry to throw further light on the affair.

QUEER EXCUSE.

PARTIALITY FOR THE FAIR SEX.

CHINESE MAN.

Peking, August 12. The South City Amusement Park on Sunday afternoon was the scene of a great commotion when police surrounded a box in the New Play Theatre and interrogated two occupants of the box. Both of the theatregoers were in female dress but one of them turned out to be a member of the sterier sex.

Cross-examined at the police

headquarters the man said that he

was 22 years old and vice-chef of

the Government Proprietary Bureau of

the district of Pao Ti. He gave

his name as Wu Shih-kung. Asked

why he chose to wear women's dress,

he said he had a great partiality for

the opposite sex.

Wu came to Peking two months

ago on business and was a frequent

visitor to the Amusement Park.—

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The church is an im-

posing building of generous prop-

ortion and was described by Dr.

Downey as a "miracle of beauty."

It is built in the Byzantine style

of the twelfth and thirteenth

centuries, and has a sanctuary,

a nave, and four side

chapels. The facade is flanked by

two towers, the smaller being a

replica of an ancient round tower

of early Christian times. The

church is built of Derbyshire stone

and the four altars are of marble,

with mosaic inlay, made at Carrara,

Italy. A striking feature of the

church is the beautiful stained glass

windows, which have been made by

students at the Burslem School

of Art who are members of the

congregation. They were designed

by Mr. Gordon Forsyth, superinten-

dent of art instruction for Stoke-

on-Trent, who also supervised the

construction of the church.

The church stands on a con-

crete raft to lessen the danger

of mining subsidence, and some idea

of the magnitude of the work may

be gathered from the fact that

9,000 tons of concrete and 37 tons

of steel have been put into the

building.

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On Shanghai—

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Silver (per oz.) 16 1/2

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Chinese Sub. Coin 23% dis.

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SEARCH FOR MANIAC MURDERER.

Two Men Shot Dead in Parked Cars.

CITY TERRORISED.

New York, Aug. 12. Two mysterious murders and written threats to massacre fourteen more victims have terrorised the entire city and sent 1,000 New York detectives dragging the city in the most extensive and frenzied man-hunt in years.

All the searchers know of the killer is that he is well educated, a religious maniac who imagines himself the executioner for an international secret society and seeks his prey from among couples who park their automobiles in lonely sections of Long Island.

His first victim was Joseph Mozyński, College Point, L.I., grocer and father of six children, who was shot to death on a road near Whitestone as he sat in his motor-car with Miss Catherine May.

Miss May's story of the murder was so fantastic that she was held in \$60,000 bail as a material witness. However, when a few nights later Novel Sowley, wealthy radio mechanic, was killed in identical circumstances near the State Insane Asylum in Creedmoor, Police Commissioner Mulroney accepted both crimes as the work of the same brain-twisted fanatic.

Girl's Stories Tally.

With Sowley when he was slain was Miss Betty Ring, the 17-year-old daughter of a city policeman. Miss Ring's tale of the crime and description of the killer tallied with Miss May's.

As soon as he had time, the homicidal lunatic penned and posted an almost incoherent letter written in code to the New York Evening Journal. This massive announced the second crime and promised a third killing in College Point at ten o'clock the following evening.

It added that a dozen more murders would follow unless some valuable documents were returned to the international secret society.

Miss Ring told the police that she and Sowley were in his motor-car when a shadowy form sidled out of the darkness, and demanded Sowley's licence.

Killed Instantly.

Before the radio mechanic could answer, the stranger drew a gun and fired two bullets into his head, killing him instantly.

Next, at the point of his still smoking gun, he forced the terrified girl to sign her name and address and said he would kill her, too, if she told the police anything about the shooting.

Miss Ring, like Miss May, was then compelled to walk with the man for almost a mile, where he put her on a bus. Just before leaving her, the killer asked her to kiss him. Aside from that she said she was not molested.

Both girls furnished the police with excellent descriptions of the murderer.

PREMATURE BURIAL

FRENCH DOCTOR SAYS FEARS ARE WELL GROUNDED.

A French doctor's belief in the risks of premature burial is referred to in the current issue of the British Medical Journal.

Dr. Gardiol, a deputy, and several of his colleagues have deposited with the Chamber of Deputies in Paris a resolution on the subject, which is quoted. It reads:

"The Chamber invites the Government to regularise, in accordance with the findings of the Academy of Medicine and of the Academy of Sciences, the verification of death by a medico-scientific test unequivocally indicate of death, in order that the number of burials of persons apparently dead may be reduced to the lowest possible minimum."

Dr. Gardiol says that the fear of being buried alive is well-grounded and refers to many cases of premature burial on record. In particular he cites the case of Cardinal Donnat, Archbishop of Bordeaux, who passed into a state of apparent death and was wrapped in a shroud and carried to church, where he remained unconscious in his coffin till he was awoken by funeral chanting.

SINGLE FLASH DEATH.

While playing in the Spa Gloucester, with three compatriots, John Ivor Taylor, aged 10, of Brook Street, was struck by lightning and killed instantly.

There was no storm at the time. There being only one flash of forked lightning and one crack of thunder, the boy was struck while picking up a ball.

A house in Churchill Road was also struck, the ball being lifted from the roof into the window pane.

INDIAN AGITATORS IN EAST AFRICA.

White Settlers' Policy Attacked.

Nairobi, July 27. An appeal, addressed to "friends, brethren, and countrymen," signed by the Deputy-President and the General Secretary of the Executive Committee of the East African Indian National Congress, has been issued asking for funds to send an East African Indian delegation to London in August.

As the only Indian newspaper in Nairobi has recently ceased publication the appeal is published in the form of a circular. In the course of an uncompromising attack upon the settlers' policy the following occurs:

"A clamorous handful of votaries of self and self, who gradually style themselves a convention of associations, have raised the red flag of rebellion, and have started emitting fire and brimstone at the prospect of the shattering of their unholly hopes of founding a slave dominion on the good old medieval pattern in Kenya, consisting of a few feudal potentates with myriads of black serfs to toil and slave for them.

"They have come out once again with the usual shibboleths and parrot cries of securing East Africa to Western civilisation. What these firebrands call Western Christian civilisation is neither Western, nor Christian, nor civilisation. It has its roots in the natural instinct of the cave man—namely, the urge to enslave and exploit the weak and helpless. The settlers' proposals would mean the permanent enslavement and exploitation of the African natives."

The appeal asks every Indian to extend a helping hand to "your African brother" who alas, is too inarticulate yet to voice his own feelings. Meanwhile, it is interesting to note that at a recent meeting of the Dar-es-Salaam Chamber of Commerce, a prominent Indian merchant seconded a resolution, which was carried, protesting against Lord Passfield's declaration that he did not contemplate any departure from the principles of the native policy memorandum.

He expressed the opinion that if this policy were brought into effect it would seriously threaten non-native colonisation and commerce.

VON SEECKT.

RUMOUR THAT HE WILL ENTER POLITICS.

Berlin, August 9. The former commander-in-chief of the Reichswehr, General Hans von Seeckt will, according to Press reports, enter the political arena and allow himself to be nominated as a candidate for the Reichstag by the German People's Party.

General von Seeckt, who was for a long time credited with being one of Germany's ablest generals as well as having great political acumen, retired several years ago owing to a disagreement with the then Minister of Defence, Dr. Gessler.

For some time there was a report in circulation that General von Seeckt desired to be appointed to a certain high diplomatic post in the Far East.

Born in 1866, from 1915 to 1917 Chief-of-Staff, and the actual driving power behind Field Marshal von Mackensen, 1920 to 1926 Commander-in-Chief and the real organiser of the Reichswehr, General von Seeckt is still half and strong.

His book "Thoughts of a Soldier" was widely commented on in Germany as well as abroad.

MONTE CARLO RIOT.

MAYOR'S ELECTION LEADS TO TROUBLE.

Trouble broke out at Monte Carlo last month when a new mayor, M. Bernasconi, was elected in place of M. Eugene Marquet, who retired when he was proclaimed Prime Minister.

When it was announced that M. Bernasconi had been elected by an overwhelming majority, the opposing faction, mostly Socialists and Communists, stormed the town hall.

In spite of the police, they forced an entrance and tried to attack the municipal councillors, who were forced to barricade themselves in a room.

Cries of "Set fire to the building" were raised, but the police, who had been reinforced, were able to cope with the crowd outside.

The police's bodyguard was then called out and after a short battle with stones, was able to disperse the demonstrators, who left shouting.

"German Embassy." Ach, no," the German smiled. "I do not work there. Did I not tell you my great mother here?" The boy was struck with a blow to the head, and then told him to get out.

"Certainly, Madame. I am the man which rolls in the carpet before the feet of the Colossus."

JUST BLARNEY!

BUT IT WORKS EVERY TIME.

I know I'm not much to look at, and she knew it, too, but she was too clever to say "I think you're frightfully handsome." "We're all so susceptible to flattery that she might have just got away with such a blatant bit of blarney if she had added in her sweet, earnest way, "Anyhow, I think you are." But those weren't her tactics.

She began by talking of famous actors. Owen Nares, she said, was too handsome to be really attractive—at least to an intelligent and experienced woman; if Ivo Novello's features were less symmetrical, he might stand a chance, she thought; but Douglas Fairbanks—now there was someone who might appeal to a woman—she placed him high amongst her Sex Appeal graduates; and Chaplin, without mottled, had such a sad, interesting—and thoroughly appealing personality.

Gradually she got to her point, patiently she spun her web, and ultimately she had told me what a strong resemblance I bore to Chaplin and Fairbanks. Personally, I think I am much more of a blend of Laurel and Hardy, but at the time I couldn't help thinking there was a lot in what she said, and I thought she was a very, very charming woman, so intelligent, so attractive and so appreciative. I honestly don't think she wanted anything else but to make me think these things. Anyhow, she didn't get anything else.

One of the most pleasing forms of flattery is the Personal Touch trick. Restaurants and hotels cultivate it, and the cloak-room attendant is usually the best exponent. "Good evening sir," said a smiling cloak-room attendant to me the other night. I looked at him in mild surprise at the cordiality of his welcome, as he took my coat and hat from me. I had not visited the restaurant before. I waited with my hand held out, for him to give me my ticket.

"That's all right, sir," he said deferentially, implying that of course, he knew me well. I noticed him studying my features, and then it all became clear to me. He had never seen me before and was trying to memorise my face. He was probably saying to himself, "Laurel and Hardy."

Another illustration, much in vogue amongst motorists. One day I saw a delightful young lady driving a young man in her high-powered car. They were speeding along serenely, and I am afraid he was getting at least 25 per cent. of the attention which she should have been bestowing exclusively on her driving. Suddenly, and to my horror, I notice that she had sped past a policeman's extended hand.

The policeman called to her and she immediately drew up at the side of the road. The constable approached. She looked straight and frankly into his eyes and said, "I'm most frightfully sorry, Officer—it was entirely my fault." Just that and no more.

The constable did his best to hide his delight, but said soberly and tolerantly, "Well, Miss, don't let it occur again."

After all, a police constable is a police officer—and "Officer" sounds good. He knew that it was just blarney, and so did she—but they go on doing it and it goes on working.

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